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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Sean O'Donnell
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of Defense
Office of Inspector General

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Earlier this week, President Biden signed into law the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Act). This Act provides much needed military and humanitarian relief aid to Ukraine as it fends off Russia's brutal invasion.

However, the Congress was unable to come to a consensus on effective oversight mechanisms for these relief funds. The taxpayer deserves to know that any tax dollars spent will be used for the purpose of providing relief to Ukraine, and not lost to waste, fraud, and abuse. As you are aware, the Act instructed the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (OIG) to carry out effective oversight over funds appropriated by the Act. Any tax dollar lost to waste, fraud, or abuse is a dollar that cannot be used to effectively fend off the Russian advance on Ukrainian territory. To that end, I write to you today to urge you to prioritize oversight over any relief funds that will be used in support of Ukraine.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, contact my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley

Ranking Member

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